



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, each year 600,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke, nearly 160,000 people die from stroke and more than 60 percent of stroke victims are women; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is striving to decrease disability and death from stroke, which annually kills over 700 Idaho residents a year; and*

*WHEREAS, only about 5 percent of stroke patients arrive at the hospital in time to receive potentially life-saving treatment for stroke because most people don't know the warning signs or don't realize they should seek medical help immediately; and*

*WHEREAS, Operation Stroke, a grassroots initiative of the American Stroke Association to raise awareness of stroke warning signs and the critical need for immediate emergency treatment, seeks to mobilize communities to improve the stroke chain of survival; and*

*WHEREAS, the warning signs of stroke are recognized as: sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headaches with no known cause; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association emphasizes that every link in the stroke chain of survival is critically important and can increase the prospects for survival; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association recognizes the Month of May as Stroke Awareness month to increase public awareness about the warning signs of stroke and recognize stroke as a medical emergency;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2002 to be*

**STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eleventh.*

*Dirk Kempthorne*  
GOVERNOR

*Pete T. Cenarrusa*

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE